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Applicant : Buckner, Lynn A.
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Title : Utility Valve Access and Performance Evaluation Means

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above identified application as follows:

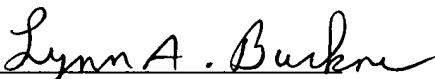
In the claims:

Attached are Amended claims in lieu of those filed on 10/14/2003. Amendment is to AVOID multiple dependent claim surcharge and more clearly point out the claimed invention. CLAIMS 1-11 HAVE BEEN MODIFIED; CLAIMS 12-14 HAVE BEEN ADDED; NO NEW MATTER HAS BEEN ADDED.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,


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